

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1 – 13, and 18 – 36 without prejudice.

Please add the following claims:

--37. A purified steroidogenic acute regulatory protein having an amino acid sequence essentially as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2.--

--38. The purified steroidogenic acute regulatory protein of claim 37 defined further as being phosphorylated. --

--39. A purified steroidogenic acute regulatory protein having an amino acid sequence essentially as set forth from amino acid methionine at position 48 through amino acid cysteine at position 284 of SEQ ID NO: 2.--

--40. A purified polypeptide having an amino acid sequence essentially as set forth in one of the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7 and SEQ ID NO: 8.--

#### Remarks

Applicant submits the foregoing Election in Response to Restriction Requirement pursuant to the Examiner's requirement that Applicant do so.

Applicant submits the foregoing amendment to the Specification to correct an inadvertent typographical omission in the Specification as filed.

Applicant submits the foregoing amendment to cancel Claims 1 – 13 and 18 – 36 without prejudice in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement. Those claims will be prosecuted in subsequent continuation applications.

Applicant submits the foregoing amendment to add Claims 37 – 40 to claim matter disclosed in the application as filed, support for which Claims may be found in the application as filed at p. 6, ln. 25 – 29; p. 7, ln. 1 – 3, 10 – 20; p. 8, ln. 6 – 8; p. 9, ln. 10 – 13; p. 20, ln. 11 – 13; p. 21, ln. 5; p. 22, ln. 2 – 3, 7;

p. 23, ln 4 – p. 25, ln. 10; and p. 70, ln. 8 – 14. The additional Claims 37 – 40 add no new matter. No additional fee is believed to be due pursuant to the addition of Claims 37 – 40 in light of the cancellation of Claims 1 – 13 and 18 – 36, the fees for which Claims were paid upon filing this application.

Applicant respectfully requests early action on the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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